

Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia

WOMEN ARE PROHIBITED

Portsmouth's Mayor Signs an Amended Ordinance.

KEPT FROM BARROOMS

At First There Was Objection to the Proposed Statute as Many Grocery Stores Have Barrooms Operated As a Part of the Business.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 10.—Mayor Baird, of Portsmouth, has signed the ordinance prohibiting women from entering barrooms, and this morning gave orders to the Chief of Police to enforce the new law. The ordinance as at first drawn prohibited women from entering any place where liquor is sold for any purpose, but as this included grocery stores with liquor licenses, Mayor Baird disapproved and returned it to the Council, when the ordinance was amended, but even now women are not allowed in bars in grocery stores.

A MODERN STATION.
There is no doubt that the property at West View, which changed hands yesterday, was bought for the Bay Shore Railway Company, and that a modern station is to be put up there. The station is about the only important building in the neighborhood, but it is a fine one, and will be a credit to the place. The property was bought by Henry Jones, alias Slickboy, a negro, arrested last night, proved to be a much wanted thief. Jones, Detective Heppel says, is the man who has been operating in Norfolk dwellings during the mornings for the past month, and evidence has been collected going to show positively that he entered and robbed the residence of Mrs. J. Y. S. on March 6th. Mrs. J. E. Collins, No. 179 Holt Street, February 25th; D. M. Cheatham, No. 415 Main Street, March 7th, and Mrs. S. E. Lane, No. 415 Bute Street, March 7th. A blue enameled watch and stickpin stolen from the Mitchell residence, and a garnet enameled watch, two rings and a watch for ornament, stolen from the residence of Mrs. J. Y. S. Lane, from a pawn shop by Detective Heppel this afternoon, and the negro Henry Jones was positively identified as the man who pawned all of the stolen articles. Jones denies that he is the man, but he has been held for examination.

FAVOR THE MANN BILL.
At the weekly meeting of the Methodist ministers here, the following, which was adopted: "Whereas, the bill known as the Mann bill, regulating the liquor traffic in Virginia, will come before the Senate on Thursday next, and whereas, it is the duty of the church to support the principle of free government to have the people say in every instance whether they will have a saloon in the midst of them, and whereas the Methodist Church stands as a unit against the saloon; therefore,"

"Resolved, first, That we, the Methodist preachers of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley, representing thousands of Methodists, respectfully urge the Senate and House to pass the Mann bill, and second, That we, the preachers of these resolutions be sent to the president of the Senate and the Speaker of the House."

Plans for a mammoth pavilion at Cape Henry are now under consideration, and will probably be accepted within a few days. At this time very few improvements have been made at the Cape, but it is the intention of President J. E. Edwards, of the Chesapeake and Potomac Ferry Company, to make this one of the most attractive in this section. As soon as the Chesapeake Transit Company lays the connecting tracks it will begin operating cars down town, using the station at the old Potomac Ferry Company in front of the post-office.

NEGRO FIREMAN INJURED.
William Cuttill, colored, a fireman on the steamer Pennsylvania, of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company, is lying at his home suffering from awful injuries received aboard that steamer. Cuttill was in the fire-room of the steamer when one of the boiler tubes blew and the escaping steam covered the unfortunate man in its face and hands present a shocking sight. When the tube blew the fire from the furnace was blown on Cuttill's face and body, and he was badly burned. Cuttill was removed to the local Marine Hospital office, where he was attended, after which he was sent to his home.

SAILOR NOT GUILTY.
Oscar E. Anderson, quartermaster on the torpedo boat Truxton, was discharged in the Police Court this morning. He had been arrested on the affidavit of a negro, accusing him of passing a counterfeit dollar bill in payment for five portions of a dish of Chinese chop house food with a name that is worth the price. The testimony of the negro was neither pertinent nor direct, so that when Anderson made a statement Justice Taylor said that he was not sure the bill was a counterfeit but that Anderson had passed it. Hence Anderson was discharged. The bill was stated to be green and black ink and bore some resemblance to the treasury notes, but it was not intended for a counterfeit. It was a one dollar note on the State Bank of New Jersey, issued at Newark during the war. It is likely of no value, but Anderson thinks it is as honest as the Chinese dish, which, he says, he would not order much less eat. Negroes, Chinamen and sailors all left the court room smiling.

The United States cruiser Mayflower arrived in Hampton Roads this afternoon from Washington. The Mayflower is the President's yacht, but whether any high officials are aboard could not be learned. The Mayflower distinguished herself in the Santiago fight, when she vanquished the Spanish torpedo boat destroyers Furor and Pluton. The trainingship Lancaster arrived in Hampton Roads this afternoon from Annapolis. The monitor Puritan left Hampton Roads this afternoon for Annapolis.

W. H. Jenkins, insurance agent and peanut buyer, of Franklin, has filed a

debtor's petition in the United States Court for \$18,354.25 against J. A. Johnson, the creditor. The Norfolk are M. L. J. Davies & Company, \$1,283; C. Billings, \$214; W. R. Hudsons & Company, \$301; Hamberger Brothers, \$100. The largest creditors are J. H. Cuthbert & Company, \$11,684; J. J. Cuthbert, deceased, \$1,225; and Butler, Clapp & Company, New York, \$850.

A RUSH OF FREIGHT

Three Old Dominion Steamers Are Unloading at Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 10.—The Old Dominion Steamship Company has a rush of freight to-day, three steamers—the Jamestown, Princess Anne and Guyanotte—being in from New York together. The Guyanotte was lying in the stream this afternoon awaiting her turn at the piers to unload. The steamer chairman, of the Merchant and Miners' Transportation Company, which was delayed in the Chesapeake Bay because the weather was thick, arrived here from Baltimore at noon. She should have been here last night, and the performance was omitted at one of the playhouses because the company did not arrive. No anxiety was felt for the ship, because the fog was so dense here last night as to furnish the reason for the delay of the vessels in the bay. The captain says that he encountered a heavy fog when he left here yesterday morning. He could not tell where he was then the steamer ran aground near Cove Point, until the tide floated her up to resume her trip.

The North Carolina Pine Lumber Association, which met here yesterday, elected officers to-day as follows: John L. Roper, president; R. S. Cohn, treasurer, and S. W. Clark, secretary. The conditions of trade are so satisfactory that no change was made in the prices of rough lumber. Number 3 and box grades were added to the price list. On dressed lumber No. 3 B, the new grade was placed between No. 2 and No. 3 and No. 4 flooring was advanced \$1.50 a thousand feet.

BODY RECOVERED

Money Amounting to \$1,640 Found in Drowned Man's Clothes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHINCOTEGUE, VA., March 10.—The body of the late Captain George W. Parsons, who was drowned during the wreck of the buoy, "Lillian Russell," not very long ago, was recently washed upon the beach. The body was discovered by two negroes, who took it to a nearby place and buried it. The body was found in the clothes of a man who had been drowned. The body was found in the clothes of a man who had been drowned. The body was found in the clothes of a man who had been drowned.

Information has been received here recently of the death of Rev. Mr. Sanderlin, of Philadelphia, who up to a few months ago was pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, at this place. He is survived by a widow and a large family. The Junior Order United American Mechanics have taken into their organization since the first of the year thirty-six members. The membership at present amounts to over 800.

Messrs. D. J. Wheaton and Clayton Richardson were visitors to our town this week, the latter assuming the control of the management of the large mercantile establishment, having succeeded Mr. Warren.

Mr. John Colona, of Hometown, has accepted the position as foreman of Contractor B. T. Means for the coming season. At present the carpenters seem to be greatly rushed with business.

In Dinwiddie.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BUSHY, VA., March 10.—The Episcopal Church at Dinwiddie Courthouse, Sapony and the Church of the Good Shepherd, all in Dinwiddie county, have recently extended a call to Rev. Mr. Southall, of Farmville. A rectory has been built near the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Samuel L. Barrow, of this county, who has been ill, is reported somewhat improved.

The health of Rev. T. T. Jones, D. D., remains quite good, and he is engaged in the saw-mill business, will soon erect a house and move his family here from Petersburg.

Negro Child Killed

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LOUISIA, VA., March 10.—A gun in the hands of a child's older brothers and sisters was accidentally discharged, killing almost instantly a four-year-old colored girl at her parents' home, near here, yesterday.

W. J. Crandall announced himself yesterday a candidate for county treasurer at this fall's election. W. J. Daniel will run as deputy.

Mr. G. C. Boxley, of Bumpass, and Miss A. S. Thompson, of Oakland, Va., will be married to-morrow at church in the latter place.

A Two Years' Sentence

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., March 10.—In the Corporation Court to-day Roy Stuart, colored, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for stealing clothing and other valuables from the boarding-house of Mrs. Lizzie Liggett several months ago. Stuart has served a term in the penitentiary, and five years will be added this time.

BURGLAR AT WORK

AT EAST RADFORD

Stole a Professor's Pants from a Chair Near the Bed Without Waking Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
EAST RADFORD, VA., Mar. 10.—When Professor V. J. Hill, principal of Bel Heath Academy, of this city, woke up this morning, he discovered that he had been robbed some time during the night. The burglar entered by a window of his sleeping room and got the professor's pants and vest from a chair within a few feet of the bed in which he and his wife and infant child were sleeping without awakening any one. He carried the clothes to the porch, and there took a fine gold watch and a small sum of money.

The residence of Mr. Taylor Martin, a merchant, on the same street was also entered, but the awakening of Mr. Martin prevented the burglar from getting into the window by which the burglar entered, frustrated his plans. The little fellow called to his mother that he was cold, she got up and moved across to the bed, and the burglar saw the light. He moved the curtain and just then the burglar sprang from the window sill and ran. City Sergeant McNeal's bloodhounds were put on the track this morning, but owing to the rain could not follow.

APPOMATTOX DIVERSION

A Permanent Committee Has the Matter in Charge.

NEGRO PASTOR DISMISSED

This the Sequel of His Refusal to Allow a Funeral at the Church to Be Conducted by an Undertaker Who Was Not a Member.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., March 10.—Colonel James B. Quinn and Mr. H. C. Harper, of Norfolk, the two engineers who have taken such active interest in the plans for the diversion of the freshwater water in the Appomattox River, will be in Petersburg to-morrow to confer with the permanent committee recently created by the Council to have charge of the matter until the plans are consummated and the improvement a reality. Colonel Quinn has given a great deal of his time and attention to this matter, and has heartily co-operated with the people of Petersburg in every way possible. When the committee called on him recently in Norfolk in the interest of the matter he entertained them as his personal guests. The result of to-morrow's meeting could be forecast, but it is believed that it will be entirely satisfactory. The visitors will be in Petersburg to-morrow night and Thursday.

The Harrison Street Baptist Church, colored, had a quiet time at their regular meeting last night. The house was filled, owing to the fact that the matter of the burial of Spencer Green, which recently created a disturbance in this church, had been brought up. One of the results was that the pastor, Rev. E. E. Watts, was dismissed. The body of Green was buried by an undertaker not a member of the church. The church members were angry, and the pastor was dismissed. The church members were angry, and the pastor was dismissed.

Crater Council, National Union No. 627, enjoyed the smoker at A. P. Hill Camp Hall last evening. Mr. H. B. Anderson, of Richmond, senator to the National Council, was present.

Mr. Benjamin Lyon, of Petersburg, district manager of the Reliable Life Insurance Company, will attend a banquet to be given in Richmond this month to its officers.

Grand Commander James Macgill, of the Confederate Veterans, paid a social visit to Mr. J. C. McDowell, of Petersburg, yesterday. There was a full attendance of the old soldiers, sons of veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mr. James B. McCullough has been unanimously re-elected tobacco inspector at Petersburg by the association of this city.

Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" played to a well pleased audience at the Academy in this city this evening.

The officers of the local union of Retail Clerks were installed last night by a large delegation from the Retail Clerks' Protective Association of Richmond. Messrs. Mullen and Harris, prominent labor representatives of Richmond, were among the visitors.

AT HOT SPRINGS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HOT SPRING, VA., March 10.—The beautiful new Homestead Hotel is now almost full of visitors, and more arriving by every train. The swimming pool, which was recently completed, is a great source of pleasure to the young people. The building itself is handsomely appointed in every detail.

A contractor has been signed for a pipe organ, which will be put in St. Luke's Church at this place. It will add greatly to the services of the church, and be a pleasure to all music lovers.

Mrs. Edgar, who was sleeping near her sister Miss Daisy Cole, will leave for Washington on the 10th for a pleasure trip.

Mrs. Frank Hopkins will leave for Baltimore on the 11th, where she will spend a month.

The excitement here last night, caused by fire breaking out in the power house, was soon over. The efficient fire department came to the rescue, and in a few minutes all apprehensions were ended.

Rev. A. M. Randolph, bishop of Southern Virginia, will preach at St. Luke's Church on the 12th of the month.

Mrs. S. Barton French and Mrs. Fearn, of New York, are here spending a few days at the Homestead Hotel. They will open their beautiful summer home here, but expect to spend the summer cruising on the Mediterranean.

FINED FOR PERJURY

Bride Proved to Be Sixteen Instead of Twenty-one.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., March 10.—For swearing falsely as to the age of a girl who wanted to get married, George W. Matthews to-day got off with a fine of \$10. Last week he accompanied James Honeycutt, a native of New York city, to the clerk's office and took oath that the girl, Miss Daisy Cole, was twenty-one years old. Honeycutt married the girl, whose age was only sixteen. Her father and brother found this out after the wedding and took the child-bride away from the young bridegroom, who sprang away and hasn't been seen since. Should he be found the girl's father threatens to prosecute him for bribery, in that he is alleged to have

bribed Matthews to perjure himself. Matthews' punishment is regarded as very light.

ED. Williams to-day, in the county, was let off with two years for robbing a church of its bell and lamp, and of stealing a chair from a schoolhouse.

Judge Kilby to-day set aside the ten-year verdict against Jim White, alias Ed. White, convicted yesterday of safe-breaking.

WATER FREIGHT RATES
Merchants of Northumberland complain of the Weems Line.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HEATSVILLE, VA., March 10.—The merchants and shippers of Northumberland county have become indignant at the way the freight rates have advanced on the Weems' Line of steamers, and it is rumored that a new steamboat company will be formed here and will be known as the Northumberland and Potomac Steamboat Company. This company's steamers will ply the Potomac River between Washington and Barnes' Wharf.

With the advent of warm weather an influx has been given to the fishing industry. Many hundreds of herring have been shipped from Northumberland waters during the past week. Frank Percival caught last Friday over 1,200 shad. These shad have been selling as high as \$1.50 a pair.

Many of the fish factory companies have sent their steamers to Baltimore to be overhauled and are ready for the coming fishing season.

George P. Bailey and J. Warren Philp, Jr., have purchased the Nomial Ferry property. They will make many improvements and erect a large cannery factory there.

The barn and grainery of Mrs. Wm. Dawson, of Lodge, this county, was destroyed by fire recently. It seems that the fire was caused by a lighted match being thrown in some straw. But for the timely assistance of neighbors the dwelling would have been burned. The loss is estimated at about \$400. No insurance.

Captain P. H. Gunby, for some years engaged in the Menhaden fishing industry in Lancaster county, has become a member of the firm of Messick, Long & Company, of Baltimore, and is now in business, shucking house and planting business and tomato canning.

IN KING GEORGE

Items of Interest Heard in the Common Neighborhood.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMMON, KING GEORGE CO., VA., March 10.—A colored girl here was cutting some kindling wood Saturday evening, when the axe slipped, came down on one of her hands and cut arteries, muscles and bones to such an extent that she almost died to death before a physician could reach her.

James Lewis and John S. Frazier, who completed a two-year term in the penitentiary last Friday, arrived at their homes here yesterday. These boys broke out from the penitentiary two years ago, and appropriated a load of corn, and then they "appropriated" a cart and mule and carried the stolen corn to a county store. They got two years in the Virginia penitentiary for the "adventure."

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There is a great demand just now for pigs in this county, since wire fencing has become so generally used. The raising of hogs has been almost abandoned, as nothing less than a plank or rail fence will keep them.

IN ROCKINGHAM

High-Top Mining Company to Operate Vigorously.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HARRISONBURG, VA., March 10.—The dispatch published several days ago in The Times-Dispatch, dated New York, to the effect that Morris D. Brown, president of the High Top Mining Company, had returned from a visit to his company's copper lands, near Elkton, and had refused to sell out to the Standard Oil Company, led to inquiries in regard to the matter. The following letter was received from Mr. Brown in reply to a query as to what his company expected to do:

"In reply to your query relative to our work in Virginia, I will say that we have about 1,000 acres of land which we now have in a high state of development. We have plans made for the coming summer to carry on the work quite extensively. The number of men that we shall employ I cannot now say, but I expect over a hundred. We are now working on a sulphide vein that runs rich in copper, gold and silver. There is an assurance of early railroad facilities, which would greatly aid our shipping. Our company contemplates erecting our own smelters before very long."

Thus it would seem that there were bright prospects for east Rockingham in the way of developing its mineral resources.

A disastrous fire Saturday morning destroyed a store building and a part of several residences at Lacey Springs, eight miles north of here. The loss was about \$3,000.

ECHOLS INDICTED

Hatfield, Charged With Being an Accomplice, Released.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., March 10.—Charles Echols, who murdered William Gwin in Bristol, Va., on Saturday night, was sent to jail to-day without the privilege of bail to await the action of the grand jury. The evidence was strong against Echols. Robert Hatfield, who was arrested as Echols' accomplice, was released. Hatfield's father was killed in the Hatfield-McCoy feud in Kentucky. Hatfield's widow mother came here from Rockwood, Tenn., to be present at the preliminary trial.

IN NORTHAMPTON

Farmers on the Eastern Shore Are Busy Planting Potatoes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRANTFORD, VA., March 10.—The farmers in all parts of the county are busy, as they were last week, planting potatoes. A larger quantity of potatoes are being used than usual. Many of the farmers are using the time which they get by working on the mountains in the unseasonable condition. They think it

COAT THEF SENTENCED

Manchester Negro Given Ten Years at Newport News.

HE STOLE TWENTY COATS

An Old Offender Who Had Already Served Two Terms in the Penitentiary—This Sentence Means Commitment for Life.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 10.—Charles Smith, alias John Brown, the negro overcoat thief, was given five years in the penitentiary on each of two charges of burglary in the Corporation Court to-day. The man had confessed to stealing about twenty coats, but he was only prosecuted on two charges on account of the fact that the prisoner has already served two terms in the penitentiary and to go there this time means stay there for life. The negro did not seem to be especially concerned about his prospects. He is an old hand at the business, and the bars have no terrors for him. The prisoner says that he was born in Manchester, and that his mother died when he was very young. His father, he says, was drowned in Manchester about a year ago. He was sent up for four years from Norfolk for larceny and two years from Alexandria for felonious assault.

A negro named Thomas Alimus was given one year in the penitentiary for the jury for felonious assault.

Cleveland McCollough and Clarence Auburn, two notorious small boys of the city, were ordered to be sent to the reformatory by Justice Brown in the Police Court to-day. The boys, with Sam Thomas, another incorrigible youngster, stole a lot of tools from the place of the D. S. Jones Lumber and Manufacturing Company. They were picked up by Detective Payne and all the tools recovered. Sam Thomas was turned over to his parents to be placed in a Catholic school.

The Dutch steamship Sloterdijk, which sailed from Rotterdam thirty-one days ago for this port, arrived late this afternoon. When the vessel was seen coming in it was taken for the Swedish ship. The boat was out from Rotterdam only seven days, and the uneasiness on account of the Sloterdijk was greatly increased. Bad weather delayed the Sloterdijk, causing her to take just twice the usual time to make the trip.

In the Corporation Court to-day August Imbert entered suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company for \$100 statutory damages for delay in the delivery of a message.

Two negroes who were indicted for robbing and assaulting the three German sailors will be tried one day this week. If the sailors are well enough to leave the hospital and appear in court to testify.

CELEBRATE AMATEURS.
"Alabama," Augustus Thomas' famous play, was presented at the Academy of Music to-night by a clever amateur organization for the benefit of the fund which is being raised by the Confederate organizations for the entertaining of the Grand Camp of Virginia, when it holds its annual reunion here in September.

The monthly members' meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held last night.

Rev. W. E. Powell, pastor of the Twenty-fourth-Street Christian Church, has accepted a call from the Church of Christ, Greenville, N. C. He has notified his congregation that he will preach his farewell sermon about April 1st.

Escaped From Jail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COVINGTON, VA., March 10.—Monday night two men escaped from the county jail—Anderson, a white man, sentenced for two years, and George Johnson, colored, sentenced for one year and six months. They escaped through a hole in the wall and have not been captured.

Spring Term Abandoned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 10.—Owing to the illness of Judge J. C. McDowell, the spring term of the United States Court, which was to have begun to-day, has been abandoned.

HURKAMP TO JUDGE

AT TORONTO SHOW

Well-Known Virginia Horseman to Breed Fine Horses at Boscel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 10.—Mr. William Q. Newman, a prominent farmer of Orange county, has disposed of his fine farm in that county and has accepted the position of manager of Boscel, in Stafford county, near this city, the fine farm of Mr. C. H. Hurkamp. Mr. Newman expects to make Boscel one of the finest estates in this section. Both farming and stock raising, particularly the breeding of fine horses, will be carried on extensively, and the principal crops cultivated will be corn, oats, hay, etc., which will be consumed on the place.

Mr. C. H. Hurkamp, proprietor of the Boscel stock farm, has been appointed judge of the class for saddle horses and hunters at the Canadian Military Tournament and Horse Show to be held at Toronto, Canada, April 20th, 30th, and May 1st and 2d, under the auspices of the Toronto Garrison, the Canadian Horsebreeders' Association and the Toronto Hunt. Mr. Hurkamp will accept.

Mr. M. C. Hall, who was taken seriously ill at Montgomery, Ala., where he was residing, relative, has been brought to his home here, accompanied by Mrs. Hall, Mr. S. S. Bradford and Miss Lulu Braxton. He stood the trip well under the trying circumstances and is now thought to be somewhat improved.

For the past month has been with his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Holloway, who was ill at her home in Norfolk, has returned to her home here, accompanied by Mrs. Holloway, who is convalescent.

better for the land in Tidewater Virginia than shell lime. Experimenters are being made with it, not only in the section, but in other parts of Tidewater. It shell lime was better, which is not the case, the cytar shells have become so valuable by the increased demand for planting that it becomes impracticable to use them for lime.

It is rumored that Dr. Charles Smith, a former incumbent, will take Mr. Nottingham's place when he retires. Dr. Smith is eminent for culture and business sense, and when in office made a first-class member of the House of Delegates. Mr. B. D. Tinkard and his lovely wife will return to their home in Frankfort, after an extended bridal tour to New Orleans, Florida and Cuba.

BRIDGE INJURED

Struck by Wrecking Derrick While a Train Was Crossing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 10.—Several of the trains of the Southern Railroad were delayed many hours this morning. The first delay was caused by the wreck at Danville, and the second delay resulted from a peculiar accident here. The Norfolk and Western train, No. 34, curved near Lynchburg, Va. No. 34, over the bridge that crosses the Durham Division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, the wreck train of the Norfolk and Western was passing beneath. Suddenly the boom of a wrecking derrick on the bridge came down and struck the bridge and forced it fifteen inches out of plumb, almost throwing No. 34 from the rails. The passenger train managed to reach the other side in safety. It took three hours to patch up the bridge.

Albemarle Roads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CROZET, VA., March 10.—The roads are the all-absorbing topic of discussion here. They get a great deal of attention, and they are very much interested in the proposed road leading into the adjacent sections. How to get the roads of the county to a possible condition is a question that is "up" to the Board of Supervisors, and it seems that every means of taxation has been exhausted, and yet the roads are a disgrace to the intelligence and enterprise of the twentieth century.

Baptist Pastor Accepts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WEST APOMATTOX, VA., March 10.—Rev. Hugh C. Smith, of Roanoke, Va., accepts the call recently extended to him by the Liberty Baptist Church of this place. He will begin his pastoral duties on April 1st. Mr. Smith is a Richmond College man, and one of the best pastors the Baptists have in Virginia. He has had successful pastorates at Boykins and at Martinsville, and for two years has been pastor of the Jefferson Street Baptist Church in Roanoke. He has been clerk of the General Association of Virginia for a number of years.

Broke Her Crank Shaft.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 10.—It was ascertained to-night that the Dutch steamship Sloterdijk, which arrived late this afternoon from Rotterdam, having been to sea since February 7th, broke her crank shaft on February 12th and drifted until February 21st, when a new shaft was put in. She drifted far north of her course, and it took many days to regain it.

Halvon—Christopher.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HIDALGO, VA., March 10.—George Halvon and Mrs. Ella Christopher were quietly married at her home on Sunday afternoon at Millenbeck, Lancaster county, by Rev. A. D. Reynolds. Both are well known in the community, and will make Millenbeck their future home.

Local Option Election.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GLOUCESTER C. H., VA., March 10.—Petitions were presented to the County Court to-day from all the districts in the county, asking for local option elections. After examining the petitions the judge ordered an election of the whole county to be held April 30th.

WILL CELEBRATE 32D ANNIVERSARY

The thirty-second anniversary of the Italian Beneficial Association of the Italian Benevolent Society of the city of the largest organizations of the kind in the State, will be celebrated to-night at the Masonic Temple.

The features of the evening and night will be a banquet, which will be a sumptuous and elegant spread, followed by a dance, to be extended into the wee sma' hours. The floor will be thronged with pretty women and gallant men, who themselves are the shining stars from the sunnier shores and green hills of Italy, the beloved. Professor Thillow's orchestra will furnish the music of the evening.

Committee of Arrangements is composed of Messrs. P. Gonella, C. Capone, A. Casel, L. Corrieri and G. Casatta. The affair promises to be delightful.

The objects of this organization are purely beneficial. If a member is sick he is paid a certain sum a week until he is able to return to work.